

## **EASTHAM 400 COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE MEETING(Virtual via Zoom)**

December 4, 2020

**Attendees:** Jim Russo, Tom Ryan, Janine Orsenigo, Peter Dibble, Sharon Krause, Deb DeJonker-Berry

**Absent:** Sylvia Sullivan

**Also Present:** Eileen Seaboldt, Mary Shaw, Karen Kollar, Fred Valdivia

**Chair's Report:** On November 16th, Jim proposed the proclamation to the Board of Selectmen which reads:

### **"Proposed Proclamation for Tribal Rights in Eastham for the Wampanoag Nation**

The Eastham Select Board, on behalf of its citizens, proclaim that we, now and forever, return to the people of the Wampanoag Nation the immemorial custom and practice to recreate at Eastham town-managed beaches without cost or fee upon presenting a current Tribal Card.

This proclamation, in recognition of the more than 12,000-year history of Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's responsible stewardship of this land and its natural resources, amends the Wampanoag Nation's off-reservation aboriginal rights of hunting, fishing, and trapping, when at beaches managed by the Town of Eastham, Massachusetts to include recreating."

It was unanimously accepted by the Board of Selectmen.

Jim recognized the fact that the committee still needs to address some work left to do. There are commemoratives left to sell, memorial site and monument work to name a few.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes were approved as written; Janine moved, Peter seconded and all approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Deb related her report as follows:

"The original appropriation has \$1,999 remaining (and then we add the additional \$10,000 if I remember right)

The gift fund has taken in \$18,125 and the expenses have been \$6,528

I believe the expenses for the commemoration week are very modest and would not worry about the cost of an ad or two..."

### **Public Relations/Programming:**

Tom informed the committee of the ads placed in the Cape Cod Times, The Cape Codder and The Provincetown Independent newspapers. There are half to whole pages advertising the events to come in December. He also reported on the following events:

Sunday, December 6th at 3 p.m. a Zoom presentation with Ian Saxine summarizing the past two years. Pre-registration is required

Tuesday, December 8th at 7 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. due to COVID, a revisiting of last year's Sunrise Service at First Encounter. Presented by the Nauset Interfaith Association.

Tuesday, December 8th from 10 a.m. until 10:55 a.m. World premiere of the film, Eastham 400: Our History Restored, a compilation of the highlights of the past year.

Tuesday, December 8th from 11 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. a Zoom presentation/discussion with Jim describing the background of the Proclamation followed by a reading given by Jamie Dimitri. Others in attendance for the talk will be Nathan Mills, tribal youth and Jim Peters, Massachusetts Commission on Indian Affairs and folks from the historical societies from around the Cape.

Tuesday, December 8th from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. All outgoing mail presented at the Eastham Post Office (02642) will have its stamp canceled with a commemorative logo for the 400th Anniversary.

Sunday, December 13 from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. Zoom presentation with Dr. David Silverman exploring the colonialism of the lives of the Nauset and the English of Cape Cod across the centuries.

**Fundraising:** There is a good stock of T-shirts and a new order of ornaments which will hopefully sell well for the holidays.

**Partners:**

**Eastham Library:**

December 15th, A discussion with Stephen Peters of Smoke Signals on the "Our Story" exhibit, A Nation's Founding from an Indigenous Perspective. Registration required.

Also on the 15th, at 10 a.m. Deb will host a Zoom session, (in conjunction with Nauset Interfaith), Eileen Seaboldt and Patty Donohoe and peers from other town's historical societies, a recap of the occurrences of 2020 and what might be taking place in 2021.

Monday, December 21st, Thirteen Moons: A Meditation on Indigenous Life, a discussion with Robert Peters on his art and essays, occurring on Winter Solstice.

**Eastham Painters:** Karen asked whether Art Week would be held again in the coming year. It may have a different presentation but will happen. She stated that any work submitted by individuals would likely not be 400 Anniversary themed.

**Website:** Jim continues to add events/items to the 400 site and encourages all to contribute.

Discussion arose out of the need to decide whether the committee would continue in 2021, should the BOS allow us another year. It was decided that there will be no new programming. There would be a continuing pursuit of the monuments and memorials, an exhibit in town hall and merchandise sales. Tom proposed a **MOTION** to cancel the December 14th meeting and for the future stay with the last Monday of the month: February 22nd, April 26th and June 28th, 2021 all at 10:30 a.m. Janine seconded the motion, all approved.

**Adjournment:** The meeting ended at 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Krause, Secretary